

Abstract

The base member **1** is pivotally connected to the lever member **2** by a pin **5** that provides a leverage fulcrum point. The tongue **3** extends from the front end of the base member **1** and is used to wedge under the staple crossbar **11**. The teeth **4** extends from the front end of the lever member **2**. The user then lifts the lever member **2** into a second position so that the wider top section **8** of teeth **4** lifts the staple **10** from the substrate. The front edges **9** of teeth **4** are curved such that it does not go below the baseline of base member **1**, and thus do not interfere with or damage the substrate. The base member **1** presses against substrate providing support and allows the leverage operation to be performed on pliable and flexible substrates such as sheets of paper, and minimizes damage to the substrate.